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Region 5

REGION 5 DELEGATIONS MANUAL

Purpose. This transmittal provides a revision to the existing Region 5 Delegation 12-5 (Management of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB)) for the Region 5 Delegations Manual.

Explanation. Revised Region 5 Delegation 12-5 now authorizes the Chief of the Remediation and Reuse Branch of the Land and Chemicals Division (LCD) to approve or disapprove a self-implementing cleanup of, or changes to an approved cleanup of, PCB remediation waste; to waive notification of commencement of research and development for disposal activity or of self-implementing cleanup of PCB remediation waste; to request or require information or data on the nature, location, and extent of PCB contamination; and to extend the limits on volume, concentration, or duration for PCB disposal activities and to extend the time limits for complying with PCB regulations, where the regulation specifically authorizes such extensions.

The revised Delegation 12-5 also authorizes the Chief of the LCD Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Branch to waive notification of commencement of research and development for disposal activity or of self-implementing cleanup of PCB remediation waste; to extend the limits on volume, concentration, or duration for PCB disposal activities and to extend the time limits for complying with PCB regulations, where the regulation specifically authorizes such extensions; to approve changes in ownership or operational control of a commercial storage facility; and to approve, approve modifications to, or release owners or operators from closure plans for commercial storage facilities.

The revised Delegation 12-5 authorizes the Chief of the LCD Chemicals Management Branch to approve requests to collect a surface sample from a natural gas pipe segment or pipeline section where the surface area is $< 100 \text{ cm}^2$ and to extend the limits on volume, concentration, or duration for PCB disposal activities and to extend the time limits for complying with PCB regulations, where the regulation specifically authorizes such extensions.

The authorities delegated to the LCD Division Director in the

previous Delegation 12-5 remain so in the revised Delegation 12-5. The Director of the Superfund Division (SFD) also retains the same authorities as in the previous Delegation 12-5, except the revised Delegation 12-5 clarifies that these authorities are limited to off-site actions not subject to Section 121(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9621(e).

This revision ensures that the appropriate LCD Branches are delegated PCB management activities relevant to their specific regulatory activities and purposes.

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Remove Old Delegation

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Insert New Delegation

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Delegation of Authority from the Regional Administrator